

[Translation]

### Loans to Farmers By R.R.Bs

3208. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of small farmers in Uttar Pradesh provided with loan by regional rural banks during 1994-95 and 1995-96 for installing tube-wells;

(b) the details of the problems faced in disbursing this loan during the said period; and

(c) the steps taken to solve such problems?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that loans for sinking tube-wells are generally availed for by farmers having large holdings, while small farmers normally avail of the loans for installing pumpsets on bores taken up under the free boring scheme.

The data in the manner sought for is however not available with NABARD.

(b) and (c). The data is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available.

### Supply of Coal

3209. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY :

SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether major public sector coal companies lack the transportation facilities to supply the coal to the consumption centres because of which a huge quantity of coal is getting accumulated near the coal mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) to (c). Coal companies do not transport coal to the consumption point. Coal is transported to the consumption centre by the Railways or by the consumer themselves by their captive modes of transportation (merry-go-round system, belt, rope) or by road etc. Except for railways, these systems are captive or privately owned. Coal Companies offer coal to consumers at a specific point of despatch at the colliery end. It is the responsibility of the Coal consumers to arrange to transport quantity to the consumption centre according to their own convenience and available transport system.

It is a fact that due to mis-match between production and transport capacities in some of the coal producing areas, coal companies do face difficulties to move all the coal produced. Ministry of Coal and Coal companies are however taking steps to improve despatches by rail

in coordination with the Railways. Steps are also constantly made to upgrade and improve the infrastructure for evacuation of coal production by the Coal companies.

[English]

### Central Excise on Camphor

3210. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL :

SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT :

SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the camphor is widely used all over the country for pooja and religious ceremonies apart from its scientific value;

(b) if so, the demand thereof, the installed production capacity of camphor and imports made during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government have received representation for removal of central excise duty on camphor; and

(d) if so, the details of the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, the details regarding demand of camphor are not maintained by this Ministry. At present, the installed reduction capacity of camphor industry is of the order of 10,000 TPA and the annual production is approximately 7,000 TPA. The imports of camphor (Natural Camphor & Synthetic Camphor) during the last three years are given below:

#### Natural Camphor

	Qty. (MT)
1993-94	-
1994-95	41.0
1995-96	218.6

#### Synthetic Camphor

	Qty. (MT)
1993-94	949.9
1994-95	203.0
1995-96	620.9

(c) and (d). Government have received representations for removal of central excise duty on camphor. The representations will be examined while considering proposals for 1997-98 budget.

### Export Growth

3211. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the exports growth has been declining during the last three years in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide financial assistance to the State Government for the infrastructure facilities to the exporters of their respective state in view of boosting the export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) No, Sir. As per DGCI&S data the country's exports in dollar terms increased by 20% in 1993-94, 18.4% in 1994-95 and 20.9% during 1995-96.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Efforts are made to ensure the involvement of the State Governments in Export Promotion. A Centrally sponsored Export Promotion Industrial Park (EPIP) Scheme has been introduced in 1994-95. As per the Scheme 75% of the capital expenditure towards creating of infrastructure facilities limited to Rs.10 crores, for export oriented production to State Governments as Central grant. So far 18 proposals from different States have been approved and an amount of Rs.73.26 crores released.

During the 1996-97 the Government launched the Crucial balancing Investment Scheme (CBI) which envisages balancing capital investment for relieving bottlenecks in infrastructure for export production and conveyance. Proposals identified for assistance under the scheme, including those of State Governments are to be financed by the Government out of a special fund earmarked for the purpose. A provision of Rs.25 crores has been earmarked in the 1996-97 Budget.

#### Election Code—Violation in J&K and UP

3212. SHRI PINAKI MISHRA : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government and Election Commission have received a number of cases regarding violations of election code particularly violence, militant activities and sabotage in election during the recent elections to Legislative Assemblies in Jammu and Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Election Commission has also countermanded the elections due to death of a candidate during the election in the above State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such activities in the elections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) and (b). A Statement containing the requisite information is enclosed.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Election to 385-Sikarpur (SC) Assembly Constituency in Uttar Pradesh was countermanded due to the death of a contesting candidate.

(e) Superintendence, direction and control of elections are vested in the Election Commission of India and necessary steps are taken by it to ensure free and fair poll.

#### STATEMENT

*Details of Cases of Model Code of Conduct violation by various Government agencies reported during the recent election to Legislative Assemblies of J&K and U.P.*

S.No.	Name of complainant	Brief Subject	Action taken	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>				
1.	Sh. Mohan Singh Chohan, State Secy. Pradesh BJP, J&K Jammu.	Allegation against on organisation of Govt. employees for issuing statements favouring Farooq Abdullah's National Conference.	The matter was referred to the State Government for factual report	Report being satisfactory, the Commission decided to drop further action in the matter
2.	Shri Sumeet Bhalla	Allegation against Government for allotting Oleo Pine Resin to J&K in back date	-do-	-do-
3.	Prof. Saif-Ud-din Soz, Spokesman J&K National Conference	Allegation against Union Minister of State Mr. Mohd. Maqbool Dar for misusing of Govt. Machinery for purposes of campaign	-do-	After receiving the report from Govt. of J&K commission has desired that the